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SUBJECT: CONFERENCE OF JEWISH SCIENTISTS IN MOSCOW

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1. PRESIDENT NIXON'S SCIENCE ADVISOR, DR. GUYFORD STEVER, AND NASA ADMINISTRATOR JAMES FLETCHER HAVE RECEIVED IDENTICAL LETTERS SIGNED BY RUTH LEVINE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COMMITTEE OF CONCERNED SCIENTISTS REGARDING SO-CALLED QTE INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON COLLECTIVE PHENOMENA AND APPLICATIONS OF PHYSICS TO OTHER FIELDS OF SCIENCE UNQTE TO BE HELD IN MOSCOW JULY 1-5, 1974. CONFERENCE, WHICH LETTER SAYS IS BEING ORGANIZED BY NUMEROUS SOVIET JEWISH SCIENTISTS INCLUDING VITALI RUBIN AND ALEXANDER VORONEL, IS APPARENTLY SAME AS THAT DESCRIBED IN REFTEL. LETTERS, WRITTEN BEFORE POSTPONEMENT OF SOVIET ACADEMY OF SCIENCE'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS, ASKED STEVER AND FLETCHER TO CONTACT RUBIN, VORONEL AND OTHER ORGANIZERS OF CONFERENCE

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DURING THEIR PLANNED VISITS TO MOSCOW. COPY OF LETTER

BEING POUCHED.

2. INDEPENDENTLY OF ABOVE, DAVID GELLER, DIRECTOR,
EUROPEAN AFFAIRS, AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE, TOLD DEPUTY

ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMITAGE ON APRIL 24 THAT THERE
ARE PLANS FOR AMERICAN PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCE WHICH
MAY BE THAT DESCRIBED IN REFTEL. GELLER SAID HIS INFOR-
MATION WAS SKETCHY BUT REPORTED FOLLOWING: AMERICAN
AND POSSIBLY OTHER JEWISH SCIENTISTS ATTENDING CONFERENCE
HOPE TO USE OCCASION TO MAKE CONTACT WITH SOVIET JEWISH
SCIENTISTS AND ACADEMICIANS, POSSIBLY TO OFFER THEM
INVITATIONS TO COME TO U.S. SUCH AS HAS BEEN EXTENDED
TO VITALI RUBIN. (GELLER CITED EXAMPLE OF INVITATION
TO RUBIN BEFORE HE WAS AWARE THAT SOURCE OF OUR INFOR-
MATION WAS RUBIN.) GELLER SAID AMERICAN ORGANIZER OF
THIS EFFORT IS FRED STERN, WHOM HE DID NOT FURTHER
IDENTIFY. GELLER PROMISED TO FORWARD ADDITIONAL INFOR-
MATION UPON HIS RETURN TO NEW YORK. RUSH

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